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Mentor Application 2020-21 17th Cohort

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Purpose

The FCMAT Chief Business Officials (CBO) training program aims to produce qualified California school district CBOs. This one-year program provides classroom training that takes place in 10 sessions (Friday afternoon and evening, Saturday). Mentors are qualified and experienced CBOs, typically with 10 years or more of experience. This program is unique because of the following four major components:

- 1) Each participant is teamed with their own mentor
- 2) Participants are nominated and selection is competitive
- 3) Training involves hands-on experience
- 4) Tuition is at no cost to participants
(FCMAT underwrites the cost of this professional learning activity)

The FCMAT CBO Mentor Program is a joint endeavor of FCMAT, SSC, CCSESA, BASC, and CASBO. It is our intent through interagency collaboration to help school districts throughout California fill CBO vacancies with qualified CBOs. FCMAT and CASBO developed a link to the CASBO CBO Certification program with the intent that a successful participant may receive CASBO CBO certification, depending on their mentor evaluation in coordination with CASBO's certification, examination and approval process.

The program focuses on developing strong effective leadership skills. Participants will improve their understanding of fundamental issues that drive school business policies in each major functional area, including school finance, accounting, budgeting, facilities, maintenance and operations, transportation, contracts and procurement, risk management, food service, charter schools, and others. The curriculum is updated annually to reflect the current functions and responsibilities required of a district CBO.

We encourage applicants statewide to apply for this limited professional learning opportunity. A typical CBO Mentor cohort has 25 participants from all regions of California and with various backgrounds ranging from directors of business services to school principals to individuals in private industry seeking to transition into school business leadership positions.

As a mentor, your role is to support our future CBOs in their journey and share your wisdom and experience. FCMAT is pleased to present this professional learning activity in relationship with other professional trainings focusing on fiscal accountability.

Sincerely,



Michael H. Fine, Chief Executive Officer
Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team

FCMAT CBO Mentor Program Implementation Timeline Mentor Selection 2020 - 2021

I. Application Timeline

- Application and resume (for new mentors only – returning mentors do not need to reapply)
- **Friday, December 13, 2019 by 5 p.m.**
- E-mail application and resume to ChoMentorMaster@gmail.com.
Questions? Contact: Shayleen Harte, Deputy Executive Officer
1300 17th Street, City Centre
Bakersfield, CA 93301
(661) 636-4670, sharte@fcmat.org

IMPORTANT: If you do not receive a confirming email from FCMAT that your application has been received, it is the Mentor’s responsibility to call Shayleen Harte (FCMAT) at (661) 636-4670 and resolve email transmission issues that may be affecting FCMATs ability to receive your application package.

II. Selection Timeline

- January 2020 Selection of participants
- January/February 2020 Selection of mentors
- February 2020 Notification to selected mentors

FCMAT CBO Mentor Program Primary Qualifications for Mentors

- ✓ Currently holds position of Chief Business Official or is actively involved as a retired CBO
- ✓ Extensive experience as a CBO (10 years or more of experience preferred)
- ✓ Hands-on experience in all facets of school business operations
- ✓ Holds a degree in business-related field. CBO certification, or demonstrated workplace experience.
- ✓ Demonstrated performance developing business personnel
- ✓ Commitment for minimum of 8-10 hours per month of one-on-one mentoring with candidate
- ✓ Able to provide work study supervision to candidate in accordance with curriculum guidelines

FCMAT CBO Mentor Program
Mentor Application Form
Required if not previously a Mentor in this program
2020-21

Name: _____

Title: _____

Previous Title, if retired: _____

County of Residence: _____

No. of Years as CBO: _____

(COE / District / Community College)

Agency name: _____

Work address: _____

Work phone: _____

Home address: _____

Home phone: _____

Email address: _____

Male Female

1. If still employed, does your superintendent and/or school board support this mentor position?
 Yes No N/A

2. Do you commit to a minimum of 8-10 hours per month of one-on-one mentoring with the selected candidate?
 Yes No

Signature _____

FCMAT CBO Mentor Program Mentor Responsibilities

Training Sessions:

(Required*)

(Requested**)

- * Attendance at One of the Following Two Mentor Orientation Sessions
 - March 29, 2020 Orientation at CASBO conference in Palm Springs, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
 - May 15, 2020 First Meeting Orientation in Sacramento – 11 a.m. to 12 noon.
- ** Meet and Greet, March 29, 2020
CASBO Annual Conference – Palm Springs, CA
Meet and Greet for all Participants and Mentors and Alumni, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- ** November 2020 – at the CASBO CBO Symposium
Mid-year Evaluation: Mentors meet with Michael Fine to provide input on how to continuously improve the program.
- ** March 6, 2021 - Final Class/Graduation/Presentation of Certificates

General Responsibilities:

- Share your wisdom and experience generously.
- Be available to mentor and provide guidance and support to participant via email, phone, or in person. Participants have monthly questions to review with their mentor as well as various assignments. Review the assigned projects and provide feedback to the participant.
- Following each session, read the “Monday morning letter” forwarded by the CBO mentor coordinator that provides details on the areas of focus, mentor assigned questions, and ongoing assignments.
- Keep in contact with the CBO mentor coordinator regarding participant’s progress by completing the monthly mentor assignment email/survey.
- Complete CBO Candidate Assessment document and make a recommendation regarding CBO certification.

Participate in the following evaluation process:

- Provide objective evaluation of participant’s progress. A formal evaluation of participants is completed at the end of the program; however, mentors should provide feedback to participants throughout the program. We highly recommend using the CBO Candidate assessment document to provide an informal evaluation of the participant’s progress in November.
- Provide ongoing feedback through the monthly email survey.
- Provide formal feedback in November at the mid-year evaluation meeting with Michael Fine. All mentors are strongly encouraged to participate.

Stipends:

- Mentors will receive a one-time stipend of \$1,750 to be paid in March 2021. Stipend includes travel costs.

FCMAT CBO Mentor Program Training Schedule 2020-21

**CASBO Annual Conference • Palm Springs
March 29, 2020
4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Meet & Greet Social**

Session I	May 15 & 16, 2020*
Session II	June 26 & 27, 2020
Session III	August 7 & 8, 2020
Session IV	September 4 & 5, 2020
Session V	October 2 & 3, 2020
Session VI	November 19-21, 2020, CASBO CBO Symposium (location TBD)
Session VII	December 4 & 5, 2020
Session VIII	January 8 & 9, 2021**
Session IX	February 5 & 6, 2021
Session X	March 5 & 6, 2021 Mentors are invited to Graduation

* *First session starts at noon with lunch and welcome on May 15, 2020..*

** *To be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Irvine, CA.*

Trainings take place from 3 to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Participants are offered optional in-depth sessions from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday. All participants typically attend the optional sessions.

All sessions except the November and January sessions take place at the Hilton Garden Inn Sacramento/South Natomas, 2540 Venture Oaks Way, Sacramento, CA 95833.

Attendance at all sessions is mandatory for participants. One absence (with appropriate make-up) is allowed. Failure to attend may result in a participant being dropped from the program. Mentor attendance requirements and recommendations are as previously listed.